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## A Business Man for Commissioner.



JOHN H. NEHER

If real business ability is to count for anything in the selection of Commissioner, John H. Neher stands prominently a representative of that character. A young man well and favorably known by both white and black. Mr. Neher for a number of years was associated with the N. Hay & Co. Shoe Co., on east side of square, and for a number of years he was the executive secretary of the Business Men's Association of this city. Mr. Neher's business ability is unquestioned, and he would make, in our judgment, a splendid Commissioner. Mr. Neher is broad-minded and liberal, and if chosen for Commissioner will give all classes of citizens a square deal. He is fair and impartial in all his dealings and has made for himself a host of loyal friends, who will stand by him on February 28. At the present time Mr. Neher conducts an up-to-date tailoring establishment on South Sixth street.

## J. K. Payton for Mayor.

Mr. Jesse K. Payton, who is a candidate for mayor, is making quite a rapid move. His friends say he will be the high man when the vote is counted. Mr. Payton offers a clean record in the past as his platform. He served as chief deputy sheriff under B. H. Brainerd for four years and worked harmoniously with his force, part of whom were colored officers. He is regarded as a very strong man in the race. Mr. Payton has proven that he is absolutely on the square.

## Socially Speaking.

Miss Georgia Osby was hostess to the B. C. Club Tuesday of this week.

The Don't Worry Club will celebrate the birthday of Lincoln and Douglas at their meeting Wednesday. They will be entertained by Mrs. H. K. Wilson at her residence, 1015 North Patton avenue.

The Young People's Progressive Club will meet with Miss Olive Polk, Friday evening.

## Literary to Be Organized at St. John.

Thursday evening will mark the launching into public activity of a society to foster and perpetuate a greater interest in the works of standard literature, current events and also masterpieces in the world of music and art. The organization is for the express benefit of the growing boy and girl, on whom the present-day generation will soon be forced to depend for strength, intellectual, financial and political. The general public is invited.

## Y. M. C. A.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8, 1911. Mr. E. L. Rogers, Editor Forum: Dear Sir—In compliance with the request of the officers of the Y. M. C. A., requiring me to have published a statement of the excellent work accomplished on last Sunday by the steering committee beg leave to submit the following report:

At the reorganization of the association Sunday, January 29, a steering committee, composed of ten members, was appointed to get fifty men with \$1.00 each by Sunday, February 5.

Seven members of the committee were present and reported the following names and moneys:

R. A. Byrd, \$1; E. T. Gorum, \$1; Bert Singleton, \$1; E. E. Per-

kins, \$1; A. W. Naylor, \$1; J. Wesley Gorum, \$1; Rufus Nelson, \$1; Jos. C. Overby, \$1; Frank Hicklin, \$1; E. W. Norman, \$1; B. H. Lucas, \$1; C. Fields, \$5, solicited; Rev. Wm. Collins, \$1; C. Fields, \$1; Anthony King, \$1; F. R. Wilkins, \$1; Wm. Collins, Jr., \$1; J. H. White, \$1; Wm. Cansler, \$1; Everett Nelson, \$1; Dr. N. B. Ford, \$1; Leon Stevenson, \$1; Harry Dillon, \$1; LaRue Willis, \$1; J. M. Mosby, \$1; C. C. Goins, \$1; A. M. Williams, \$1; Otis B. Duncan, \$1; Dr. J. E. Henderson, \$1; Edgar H. Harrison, \$1; Rev. E. C. Cole, \$1; Capt. Hodge, \$1; J. Edward Thompson, \$1; Walter Holmes, \$1; Maj. G. W. Ford, \$1; T. W. Warrick, \$1; E. L. Rogers, \$1; S. J. Williams, \$1; B. H. Hughes, \$1; Chas. C. Renfro, \$1; Dr. J. H. Magee, \$1; I. D. Jones, \$1; E. B. Smith, \$1; U. G. Cabell, \$1; E. C. Hamilton, \$1; Clarence W. Leggins, \$1; J. J. Bird, \$1; L. P. Andrews, \$1; Wm. E. Reed, \$1; Abner Naylor, \$1; W. D. Hoskins, \$1; G. E. Ousley, \$1; J. B. Osby, 1. Total amount collected, \$52.

Respectfully,

EDWARD T. GORUM,  
Financial Secretary.

## John M. Kimble for Commissioner.

Another prominent business man, in the person of Mr. John M. Kimble is a candidate for Commissioner. Mr. Kimble resides at 1119 South Seventh street, and was born and reared in this city. That he will make a good executive goes without the saying. For years he was associated in the wall paper business with his father on South Fifth street, and is too well known for an elaboration.

Mr. Kimble is yet engaged in business, and is a good type of citizen to elevate to this important office. He is so well known to the colored readers of The Forum that a long article is superfluous. For a long time he gave lucrative employment to colored people. All of our churches have dealt with him, purchasing paints and paper, etc., and received good treatment and many favors. He is a man who believes in "all men up." The older residents know him better than the writer. If elected he will be a credit to the city and an honor to the Council.

## Notice Extraordinary.

J. E. Thompson will represent "the business interests of colored people" at the Lincoln Centennial at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church Monday evening, February 13. The Forum, Advance Citizen and Springfield Leader will represent the colored press in the persons of their respective editors.

So great is the interest in the "Lincoln Celebration" at St. Paul A. M. E. Church Monday evening, February 13, that an "overflow meeting" in the lecture room has been provided for.

All participants in this program (choir especially) are requested to be in their places at 7:30 p. m., as we must begin early on account of our extensive program.

This is the greatest epoch in the history of the colored people in America. It is ours to seize the opportunity. Be on time. Time will be called on all. Respectfully,

DR. J. H. McGEE, President.  
J. C. McCLAIN, Secretary.

## Business League.

The Negro Business League is again on a boom. They met last Thursday evening with a few men out. Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at Forum office. Every member and interested person is urged to attend. Subject for discussion, "Making an opportunity," after which election of officers.

## With the Sick.

Mrs. Ollie Berry, of East Monroe street, who has been seriously ill for the past month, is slowly improving.

Mr. William Florville is quite ill at his home in East Adams street.

Mrs. Jno. Duff, mother of Mrs. Geo. Bates, of South Spring street, is enjoying convalescence.

Mrs. Clarence Clem, who has been ill with pneumonia, is rapidly recovering.

Miss Elizabeth Saunders is improving.

Mr. Wm. Cansler has been confined to his home with a gripe.

## MUST BE NO DISCRIMINATION.

Railroads Should Furnish Equal Accommodations for All Passengers.

## Negroes Win Victory.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Railroads must furnish equal accommodations for blacks and whites in the South.

Although the Interstate Commerce Commission issued a ruling some time ago that there should be no discrimination by the Southern railroads on account of race or color, yet there has been a disposition on the part of some roads to ignore the commission's edict. The accommodations furnished the colored passengers on many roads in the South have been much inferior to those given white passengers, although both paid the same amount of fare.

The recent decision of Judge Sanford of the United States Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, in dismissing the demurrer of the railroad in the "Jim Crow" car case, originally brought in Georgia, is a big victory for the negroes of the South who have been fighting for equal accommodations.

An appeal may be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States, but in the end the question will resolve itself into a question of facts as to whether discrimination against negro passengers is practiced.

The Georgia Edwards case, decided by the commission in June, 1907, was a test case brought against the Nashville, Chatta-

## BISHOP GRANT'S WILL.

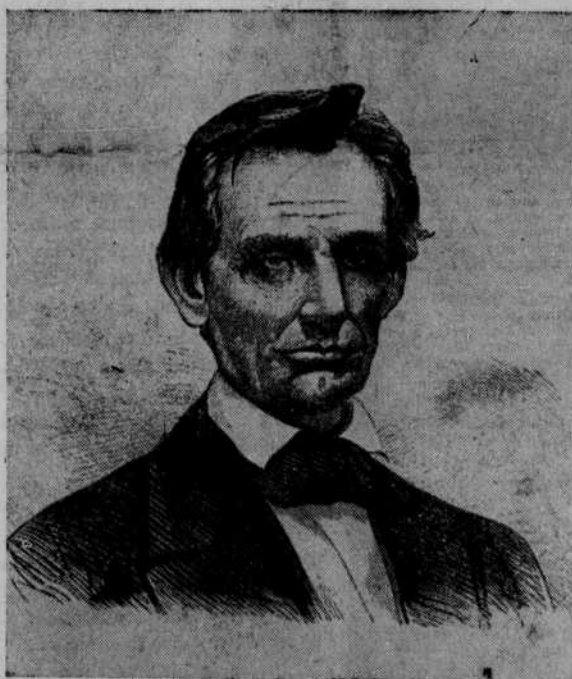
The Venerable Prelate Remembers Education and Shows Himself to Have Been a Man for Great Good.

The will of Bishop Abram Grant was placed in the hands of the Probate Court here today.

Item numbered 3 reads: "I give, devise and bequeath to the ministers belonging to the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the State of Texas, all the money or sums of money due my estate at my death from the Connectional Preachers' Aid and Mutual Relief Association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of America, said money to be paid equally by my executrix to said supernumerary ministers share and share alike."

To Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio, he gave one set (20 vols.) "International Library of Famous Literature," one set (10 vols.) "Beacon Lights of History," by John Lord; one set (12 vols.) "Biblical Theological and Ecclesiastical Cyclopedias," one set (2 vols.) "The Comprehensive Commentary," and one sectional book case containing these books; also the north half of lot 36, in Atkins and Perkins University Place, of the city of Indianapolis, Indiana. A large portion of his insurance went to Payne.

Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, got the remainder of the books and a part of the insurance money, and the money derived from the sale of lot 6, block 1, city of San Antonio, Texas.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

In whose honor the Chief Executive of this Nation will speak here today. He was born Feb. 12, 1809, and died April 15, 1865.

"Four score and seven years ago our forefathers brought forth upon this continent a new Nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Excerpt from Gettysburg address, after the famous battle of Gettysburg, the greatest sanguinary conflict in modern warfare.

nooga and St. Louis Railroad on complaint that cars furnished negro passengers were not the equal of those furnished white passengers; that no wash bowls or towels were provided, and no smoking compartment.

The railroad contended that the Interstate Commerce Commission had no power to require equal accommodations. This answer has been overturned by the courts.

Under the Georgia law separate accommodations must be furnished and under the order of the commission equal accommodations. This means that cars which are the equal in every respect must be provided by the railroads for their colored patrons, or, as a condition of failure, pay a heavy fine, so heavy they could not stand it.

Equal accommodations on day coaches will not present much of a problem, but the question of Pullman accommodations will be a vexing one under the commission's ruling.

To Douglass Hospital all of lots 5 and 6, block 12, Edgerton Place, this city.

A piece of land (13 acres, more or less), situated on Fleming's Island, Florida, which was bequeathed to his sister, Mrs. Jane McClure, during her natural life, becomes the property of Edwards Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., in fee simple, at her death.

To Miss Hermie L. Denham, a niece of the family, among other pieces of property, was given lot 38, block 84, this city.

To Miss Lulu Bronson, his secretary, and another niece, he gave \$500.

To A. J. Kershaw, one set "Gibbons's: The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire."

To Prof. H. T. Kealing all letters, papers, documents, files of newspapers, scrap books and periodicals.

To Bishop H. B. Parks, a gold watch and chain which was given to Bishop Grant by Bishop T. M. D. Ward.

The entire estate is valued at \$35,000. The remainder, or nearly all of the remainder, which is chiefly land, goes to his brother, James Gray, of Jacksonville, Fla., and his sister, Mrs. Jane McClure, Hibernia, Florida.

William W. Fisher, Shelton French, Frances McWilliams, all of Kansas City, Kans., were the witnesses to this document. Dr. John Hurst, executor.

Dr. William H. Peck was appointed executor of the estate of Mrs. Grant, which was valued at about \$10,000, and which is to be divided equally between her two sisters and Miss Lula Bronson, after gifts to a few others of her relatives.

E. E. VAUGH.  
From the N. Y. Age, Jan. 31, 1911; probated at Kansas City, Mo.

## Fruit Store.

With a delicious line of fresh oranges, apples and bananas daily. Fine cigars and tobacco. Sam. Puelo, 802 East Washington street.

## W. H. Hawks for Commissioner.

Mr. W. H. Hawks, the subject of this sketch, and a candidate for Commissioner of the city of Springfield, is a native of Sangamon County, was educated in our schools and has resided in this city for the past 27 years. He worked for every dollar he has accumulated at earnest and zealous labor, having been for years a clerk in a dry goods and in a grocery store.

Mr. Hawks is a taxpayer of this city and well thought of by the host of friends that he has. He is well qualified to fill the place and his business experience reinforces that qualification. He is proprietor of the "Collins House," at Seventh and Adams streets, where he has worked up a good business on his personal merits. Mr. Hawks is a man who believes in dealing out justice to every man according to the individual's worth. He pledges, if elected, to do his full duty, treating every man alike and listening to all needy and worthy petitions. He is with the laboring workmen, as he came along that same road and considers himself one of them. His announcement appears in this paper.

## Sunday Quarterly Meeting at St. John.

Morning sermon, E. T. Cott, Presiding Elder. Sunday School at 2 P. M. Afternoon sermon, Rev. Sydes. Communion at 4 P. M. Evening sermon, Rev. W. H. Collier.

## O. D. Evans—Very Popular.

Mr. O. D. Evans, the young man who is assistant ticket agent at the Wabash, is being boosted highly by his friends. Mr. Evans is a popular young man and his business experience eminently fits him for the position as Commissioner. He is highly recommended by the colored people. He declares that he will strive to make an exemplary official and everybody will receive the same courteous treatment that he tries to give them at the ticket office. Mr. Evans is winning favor.

## Banquet To-Night.

The Young Colored Men will give a banquet tonight at Masonic Hall in honor of Maj. Arthur Brooks, of the military organization of Washington, D. C. Mr. Brooks is accompanying the Taft party, which will arrive in the city today from Decatur, via Interurban. The affair will be in charge of members of Company H, Eighth Illinois National Guard.

## How to Vote.

There is some confusion as to how many persons you can vote for in the primaries. We desire to inform you definitely that you can only vote for five men. One for Mayor and four for Commissioners. Do not labor under the assumption that you can vote for ten; two for Mayor and eight for Commissioner.

## Richard Allen Anniversary.

Richard Allen was born Feb. 12, 1760, and ended a glorious career. On Thursday evening at St. John A. M. E. Church, the 15th anniversary of his birth will be celebrated in the rendition of an excellent program.

Today is Saturday, pay for THE FORUM.

## OUR SEVENTH BIRTHDAY EDITION.

Will Be Out in Elaborate Style Saturday, Feb. 18th.

On Saturday, Feb. 18, the Forum will be seven years old, having made its debut in the journalistic arena Feb. 12, 1904, and missed only three Saturdays since that time, two editions having missed Aug. 22 and 29, 1908, and one Dec. 17, 1910.

In honor of our seventh year of existence, we desire to put on a few finishing touches and issue a big edition, with several hundred extra copies. We shall also have some special poems and articles by some of our literary contributors and a reproduction of our staff at that time and some of our articles. We shall be pleased to get some kind of an ad from every colored business man and many of our white business firms who generally rally to these efforts. We shall also be pleased to give special space to candidates, who may desire to state their platforms. We give better and larger write-ups than any paper in the city for the price as the records will show. Therefore, all business men and candidates desiring space in this special edition need not wait for our representative to call, but send in your cut and your matter to the Forum, 119 North Eighth street. Telephone Old 3806.

E. L. Rogers,  
Manager.

Residence phone, Old 4622.

## Dinner at Lincoln Training School.

The domestic science students of the Training School served an elaborate four course dinner at the school on last Saturday. It was a decided success.

## Chas. E. Wyatt.

Chas. E. Wyatt is head man in the Record's "straw vote contest." He stood Thursday 2,768, 500 votes ahead of the next highest.

Mr. Wyatt appears to be one of the winners. He is gaining popularity every day; every man who knows him or becomes acquainted with him is for him. He impresses everybody as being a man of the highest integrity.

## MORTUARY.

The 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nelson, 909 E. Carpenter street, died Thursday of this week. Interment was made in Oak Ridge.

## Frank Macpherson.

Mr. Frank Macpherson, of the Boston Store, is making a good race. He is well qualified to fill the position, and if elected will be an honor to the city.

He is endorsed by the best people in the city. The colored people give him a good name.

He is a son of a man who believes in giving any worthy man a chance in life. The colored people must pick their candidates from men of this character.

## At St. Paul A. M. E. Church.

Washington's Birthday will be observed educationally Wednesday, Feb. 22, 1911, with a rally at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, 622 East Mason Street, for Wilberforce University:

Song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Prayer, Dr. J. H. McGee.

Song, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

Address, Attorney Charles S. Gibbs, "Washington as Statesman and President."

Song, "Old Black Joe."

Address, Attorney C. A. Brown, "The Negro Statesman."

Song, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp."

Address, Capt. R. A. Byrd, "The Negro Soldier."

Song, "Illinois."

Address, Hon. A. M. Williams, "Our Enterprises."

Song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Address, Prof. Hamilton, "The Needs of Wilberforce."

Silver offering.

Collectors, Sir Louis F. Finnie, Chief Grand Mentor, of Illinois and jurisdiction; Sir Bradley, Grand Presiding Prince, of Illinois; Maj. Otis B. Duncan, of Company H, Illinois National Guard, and Ed. Gorum, Messenger to the Governor. Music by St. Paul's Choir. Geo. W. Donnegan, Chorister.